

Job vacancy



Head of the Greenland Climate Research Center

Greenland Institute of Natural Resources (GINR) invites applications for a position as Head of the Greenland Climate Research Centre (GCRC). GCRC is a department within the Greenland Institute of Natural Resources (www.natur.gl). It is a research department, which focuses on marine ecology in Greenland, effects of climate changes in the marine ecosystem and how these changes affect the society using both natural and social scientific approaches.

Effects of climatic change on the physical drivers and links through the marine food chain to important economic resources and higher trophic levels are the focus areas of the center thus interdisciplinary and cross-disciplinary research projects are common.

Long data-series are crucial for climate research. GCRC is in charge of four long-term monitoring programs in fjords and offshore waters in Greenland, which monitor physical and biological parameters and the activity of marine mammals using passive acoustics in areas of special interest for exploration and fisheries. GCRC develops and offers education programs at university level, and we contribute with research-based advice to the Greenlandic and Danish authorities.

Responsibilities

The successful applicant will play an important role in the fulfilment of GCRC's strategy developing high quality interdisciplinary marine research projects and monitoring programs with relevance for the Greenlandic and global society. The applicant will engage in existing international collaboration with other research institutions and develop new ones. Important tasks include the development of new research and management projects, including funding applications where it is high priority to implement research and monitoring activities that compliment and improve the existing activities at GINR, and utilize existing logistic platforms and extend time series.

GCRC is an important point of contact for foreign researchers with interest in climate research projects in Greenland and GCRC has extensive research collaborations with universities and research institutions worldwide. The successful candidate should, based on research collaborations, develop and manage collaborations linked to internationally recognized research institutions.

The applicants own research interests should support and create a bridge between physical and biological oceanography and the higher trophic levels, specifically top predators such as fishes, seabirds or marine mammals. And it is of high priority to encourage and stimulate interdisciplinary work between both new and existing research/monitoring projects in Greenland inspired by communications with the Greenland governmental management and fisheries and hunting organizations.

Qualifications

The position is intended for a candidate with a PhD degree and a track-record of internationally acknowledged research including peer-reviewed publications in top journals, a strong international network, experience in providing management and governmental research-based advice, extensive knowledge about and experience working with climatic issues in Greenland, and at least 3 years of experience in managing staff, managing large budgets, and leading a department in an international research institution.

In the assessment of candidates, particular consideration will be given to:

Leadership:

- Experience in leading research teams and experience with management advisory responsibility
- Training in leadership approaches and teambuilding, and a desire to achieve further training in these areas
- Ability to attract external funding for research and monitoring projects
- Visions for developing and strengthening the GCRC in Greenland
- Ability to strengthen the internal and external research collaborations of GCRC
- Good understanding and experience with multi-cultural work relations
- Ability and willingness to deal effectively with administrative and personnel issues, mentor less experienced staff, and encourage and implement staff training and education to enhance career and leadership development among staff.
- Fluent speaking and writing Danish and English and, if not speaking, the desire to learn basic Greenlandic

Research:

- Internationally acknowledged research track record with scientific publications in peer-reviewed journals
- Experience with being PI on large research projects and managing large budgets
- Experience working with interdisciplinary research projects involving local knowledge
- Experience with or a solid understanding of the Greenlandic environment and society
- Broad experience in using state-of-the-art technology for monitoring within research field
- Previous experience in carrying out research projects around Greenland or in Arctic areas
- Large international network
- Experience reviewing and editing scientific documents prepared by others.
- Experience presenting scientific findings to diverse audiences, including instances when the study was conducted by others.

Salary and terms of employment

Employment will be from January 1, 2017 on a 3 year basis with possibility for extension. Salary will be according to individual contract at the level of Head of Department at GINR.

Accommodation

Accommodation can be provided following general rules for payment.

Application deadline: October 28, 2016

Application and CV in English or Danish should be submitted by email to:

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